As regards the establishment of a First Class or a Second Class Magistrate's Court at the capital of the taluk, I think last year I said that it could not be done.

MEMBER: I have withdrawn that suggestion of mine.

DEWAN: Then, as regards the location of the Sub-Registrar's office at Tevalakara, the Sub-Registrar's office there is only at the experimental stage for one year, and it will be time enough to consider the permanent location of that Sub-Registrar's office when we decide to make that office a permanent one.

Then, in regard to the bridge at Neendakara, that is a very large proposition and instead of a bridge I will give you an extra *junghar*.

105. Needs of Kuttanad.

MR. CHANDY THOMAS (*Member, Ambalapuzha taluk, Group I*) spoke about the need for constituting Kuttanad into a separate taluk. The conditions of Kuttanad were peculiar and differed fundamentally from those of other parts of the State. It comprised portions of the Ambalapuzha, Changanachery, Kottayam and Tiruvalla taluks and was surrounded by water. The chief occupation of the inhabitants was agriculture *i. e. punja* cultivation. Eight of the nine *pakuthies* comprising the tract, *i. e.* all excepting Alleppey, were backward in education, medical aid, means of communication, etc. Heads of Departments seldom visited the place and were unacquainted with local conditions. For want of proper encouragement, *punja* cultivation was declining gradually. The whole tract known as Kuttanad should be constituted into a separate taluk. The proposal need not involve any additional expenditure. Its area was not less than 300 square miles and the population was about 2 lakhs. The member therefore requested that his representation be duly considered and decided after a local inspection by the Dewan.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Chandy Thomas, I think your advice to be sound not to make up my mind on your request about converting Kuttanad into a separate taluk until I have the opportunity of coming there and studying the conditions and requirements of the locality for myself. I will take an early opportunity of doing o.

106. Needs of the Karunagapalli taluk, Group II.

MR. KANAKKU PADMANABHA PILLAI SANKARA PILLAI (*Member, Karunagapalli taluk, Group II*) in thanking the Government for sanctioning the construction of the Tamaracolam-Ayirantengu road said that the Public Works Department was spending more money and time on the work than were really required. The metal required was collected at Ayirantengu and from there it was carried to the eastern end of the road. That was expensive. The portion from Tamaracolam to Vallikunnam was hard ground and metal could easily be procured there. If the work be begun from Tamaracolam and ended at Ayirantengu, metal could very easily be carried from the western portions along the completed portion very easily and at much less cost.

A road from Vallikavu to Tamaracolam was very necessary. The total length would only be 6 miles and the locality was thickly populated. If it could not be immediately constructed, at least the village road from Vallikavu to Changankulangara should be metalled at an early date.

The number of patients attending the Kayankulam dispensary was on the increase. But as it had not the status of a hospital, people who had to be treated as in-patients were obliged to go to Quilon or Mavelikara. Kayankulam was an important commercial centre in Travancore and a hospital there was very essential. The existing dispensary should therefore be converted into a hospital.

The Oachira market was held for the benefit of the Hindu pilgrims going to that place. It was held ordinarily after 4 P. M. every day. But in the list of evening markets on which the levy of tolls was stopped that market had not been included. The levy should be stopped without further delay.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Sankara Pillai, the metalling of the road, forming the first item of your representation, has been taken up from Oachira to Alampidika. The other two sections will be taken up as soon as the Chief Engineer gets the estimates and examines them.

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